

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1, and add new claims 2-3 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A distribution system for PET (polyethylene terephthalate) bottles for drinking water ~~[[and]]~~ or beverage in a process of an operation of manufacturing the PET bottle bodies ~~for mineral water, juice and the like~~ to disposal of the PET bottle bodies after the drinking water or beverage ~~mineral water, the juice and the like~~ are drunken up, comprising:

- (1) a step of forming a PET bottle body, in which a part or all of the PET bottle body except for vertical width of a mouth section of an upper end portion is in a bellows shape in a horizontal direction, into a predetermined volume and height;

- (2) a step of ~~performing a forming work to~~ compressing the ~~this~~ formed PET bottle body positioned in an inversed vertical state in a vertical direction to be much smaller in volume than said predetermined volume and very low in height, and to ~~make it possible to keep~~ [[the]] in a compression state at a normal temperature;

- (3) a step of transporting the compressed PET bottle bodies to a charging factory of drinking water or beverage ~~mineral water, juice and the like~~ while keeping the compression state;

- (4) a step of expanding the PET bottle body again to the volume and height at ~~the time of the above-described~~ during the forming step (1) when air is forced into the PET bottle body, or the PET bottle body is sterilized or cleaned, or ~~on the occasion of an operation of~~ during the charging step (3) ~~the PET bottle body with mineral water, juice and the like in the charging factory;~~ and

- (5) a step of transporting the PET bottle bodies with the predetermined volume and height, which are charged with the drinking water or beverage ~~mineral water, juice and the like~~, to wholesalers or retailers,

wherein when the PET bottle body charge with the drinking water or beverage ~~mineral water, juice or the like~~ is purchased and the drinking water or beverage ~~mineral water or juice~~ is drunken, the volume and height of the PET bottle body can be reduced corresponding to an emptied amount, and after the drinking water or beverage ~~mineral water, juice or the like~~ is finished, the PET bottle body is compressed in a vertical direction by being crushed, so that the PET bottle can be

discarded in a state with a much smaller volume than said predetermined volume and very low height.

2. (New) The distribution system of claim 1, wherein the forming step (1) involves inserting a preform into a two-split die body from below, heating the preform uniformly, blowing high pressure air into the preform to expand the preform into the PET bottle body.

3. (New) The distribution system of claim 1,
wherein in the PET bottle body has a shoulder-section group of folds and a body-section group of folds,

wherein the shoulder-section group of folds increases gradually in length away from a mouth section as measured on a cross-sectional plane taken along a longitudinal axis of the PET bottle body, each shoulder-section fold has an inside periphery connected with an inside periphery of another shoulder-section fold and an outside periphery connected with an outside periphery of another shoulder-group fold further away from the mouth section,

wherein the body-section group of folds have an identical length as measured on the cross-sectional plane, a first body-section fold having an inside periphery connected with an inside periphery of a last shoulder-section fold, each body-section fold is longer than each shoulder-section fold, and

wherein said compressing step (2) involves compressing the PET bottle body by collapsing the shoulder-section group of folds toward the mouth section, and collapsing the body-section group of folds away from the mouth section.